

## Message Text

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GENEVA FOR WEBB

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, ENRG

SUBJ: SHIP BUNKER SHORTAGE

REF: STATE 234084

1. SPOT CHECK OF US-FLAG LINES SERVING JAPAN INDICATE ONLY ONE INCIDENT OF DELAY IN DELIVERY OF BUNKER FUEL. INCIDENT INVOLVED SEA-LAND VESSEL WHICH WAS HELD UP TWO DAYS IN PORT AWAITING BUNKER FROM CHIBA (ACROSS TOKYO BAY FROM YOKOHAMA). SUPPLIER CLAIMED BUNKER VESSEL DELAYED BY BAD WEATHER.

2. OTHER AMERICAN LINES REPORT NO BUNKERING PROBLEMS TO DATE IN JAPAN BUT MOST ARE APPREHENSIVE FOR FUTURE, PARTICULARLY SINCE SOME THIRD FLAG LINES REPORTEDLY ALREADY HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING FULL REQUIREMENTS.

3. EMBASSY APPRECIATES INFO PROVIDED REFTEL, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF CONCERN EXPRESSED TO EMBASSY BY OFFICIALS OF FONOFF AND MOT OVER WORLDWIDE BUNKERING SITUATION AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY JAPANESE  
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VESSELS. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY PASSED SUBSTANCE PARA

3 REFTEL TO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FONOFF ECONOMIC  
AFFAIRS BUREAU. EMBASSY HOPES DEPARTMENT WILL BE  
ABLE TO KEEP IT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS ON BUNKERING  
IN US.  
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